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# ENGINE, 11 CARS, 5 MEN PLUNGE THROUGH 40-FOOT TRESTLE

ENGINEER BRICKLEY, FIREMAN | tion as far as other bruises are con-PRYOR, AND BRAKEMAN KIR-BY WERE DROWNED

The most horrible accident of recent years on the Southwestern ocnear Indiole, a station between Duran to put the body in any condition. and Vaughn, when an engine and 11 below.

never been disturbed during the many ed into the water. years, so it could have been nothing less than a cloud-burst which had happened only a few seconds before the fireman and brakeman and were taken big freight speedily rounded the curve to Vaughn where the county will have on its way west and ran headlong into the trestle which was only holding are located. together by the strong rails above as the under-pinning was washed out by the torrent of water which was passing down the canyon to the flat valley a few miles below.

The block system is being used on that division and had the rail not been intact the signal would have warned the train crew that danger was within that block and stopped in time to save trap which took the lives of the Engineer Harve Brickley, Fireman Pryor and Brakeman Kirby and that of two other men one of which was an old man while the other was only sixteen or seventeen years of age, probably being a father and son looking for work and were obliged to beat their way. There were two hoboes put off at Corona and the trainmen did not know any more had boarded the train until they were found eleven miles down the stream while searching for the body of the missing fireman.

tor Ramsey and the brakeman who walked to the closest station on the for help. Brakeman Jones stood at No. 4 was due shortly and Brakeman sight but the block system had performed its mission and had told them there was danger ahead and a porter was sent ahead on foot to locate the trouble. He saw the signal from Mr. into the wreck. Jones and signaled his train to stop. No. 4 then backed up to Duran by the aid of men on a handcar and flashed the news of the accident all along the line.

The wrecker and crew were sent to the scene and arrived there about five next morning and search for the bodies was begun at once, several crews being engaged in the work.

The wreckage was examined first and it was found that the engineer and fireman had been liberated in the water when the tender broke loose

from the cab. Ramsey and Jones both saw a man climbing on top of the wreckage of a coke car as it floated down the torrent and as he reached the top it was turned over when it struck a whirlpool and that is the last time he was

After it was found that none of either bank and after the water had receded about ten o'clock Tuesday morning, the body of Mr. Brickley was found. He had one shoe off and his pants and underclothing were torn from his limbs, which some thought proved that he had lived for some time and had tried to take off his clothing that he might swim, but he was badly bruised about the head and body and could not have withstood these serious wounds long, although his body carried an immense amount of water another evidence that he must have met death by drowning. His body was picked up about ten

miles down the stream. The body of Brakeman Kirby, who was making his first trip, and whose right name is said to have been Thorp, was only a short distance from that of Mr. Brickley and while it was badly bruised over the right eye and his mouth and upper lip injured, no other

These two bodies were brought to Tucumcari on the work train which arrived about nine o'clock Tuesday night and were immediately taken to the undertaking parlors of M. H. Koch and prepared for burial which took curred Monday evening about 7:30 most all night and all day Wednesday

The body of the fireman was found freight cars plunged through a trestle about seven o'clock Tuesday evening to the bottom of a canyon forty feet and was brought to this city on No. 4 which arrived about nine o'clock The canyon heads but two miles Wednesday morning. It was bloody above the bridge and is known as a and bruised in several places the worst dry arroya, none of the trainmen ever probably being on the back of his head seeing more than two or three feet of although his forehead was badly water in it. It was built some twelve bruised. His body was swollen conyears ago and the chips which fell siderably and it was thought he must while the workmen were at work, had have lived sometime after being dump

The unknown man and boy were found about half way between the to bury them unless their relatives

The refrigerator car was demolished and the doors and other parts were found two and three miles down the ditch. Two coke cars were washed 150 yards and one ¼ mile from the but parts of it were found down the stream. The other coke cars were caped with only slight injuries. Bill piled in a heap and it will be sometime before the wreckage will be rethe crew from this untimely death- moved. Trains are being detoured to the home of their father. They via Vaughn over the Santa Fe to Willard, thence to Torrance over the New Mexico Central where it again strikes the Southwestern.

Nine cars remained on the track between the wreck and caboose where Conductor Ramsey and Brakeman L. Jones were riding. At Vaughn Mr. Ramsey said he intended to ride the engine providing there was and local frieght to unload at Indiole which would have been in the front car, but there was none so he was saved from death in this manner.

The depth of the water was only 18 or 20 feet deep as measured by was with him in the caboose, Leon Civil Engineer Stansbury, thus making tinct. The car continued running for Jones, and they were unharmed. As it about the same distance to the top about five minutes and it was feared soon as the accident happened it is of the bridge at it is about forty feet stated that Conductor Ramsey tried from the rails to the bottom of the to use his telephone and could not canyon. This would give additional make it work for some reason, so he proof that the under-pinning of the bridge had been loosened by the swift west side of the flood, and telegraphed water as it tore down the steep arroya to the valley below, and when his post of duty and continued to give the heavy engine and train shot down signals to warn all other trains that the hill and was running about 25 might chance to be coming that way. miles an hour in order to pull the grade on the other side, the bridge Jones climbed on the closest car to went down and not until then was the bridge and signaled. About two the block system put to work. The hours later the passenger came in train was equipped with air brakes and when the accident happened the brake was set equally tight on each car and this is what saved the whole train together with the caboose, going

It is impossible to surmise the sufferings and torture these men experienced before death came to their relief, but it is quite evident that if the three men had not been crushed to death and the block signal been turned. No. 4, with its eight cars of people who were returning from California and other western points would have been hurled into eternity and instead of three lives there would have been hundreds.

Talking about miraculous escapes, we might mention in connection with this incident the fact that this was a run which regularly belonged to J. W. Reynolds, engineer, of this city, but Mr. Brickley decided to take it and being an older man on the road, he bumped Reynolds and was making his first run, thus saving Mr. Reynolds' life, It will be remembered that about five years ago Mr. Reythe men were in the pile of wreckage nolds was bumped by Engineer Elthe searchers began to go down along kins who while making his first trip on the run, was killed when the engine exploded about twenty miles up the Dawson near the Canadian river. Ike Morris was the regular brakeman on this train, but took a layoff and was replaced by Kirby, who was a new man, and was making his first trip out of Tucumcari. Fireman Pryor, who was killed, was called to go out on No. 1, but had not had sufficient rest, so he traded places with another fireman, letting him take No. 1, he waiting for the local, thus he was killed while on another man's run.

The citizens of Tucumcari were shocked and excitement ran high when the news reached here of the death of our fellow townsmen, one of whom was Harve Brickley, who has been a resident of Tucumcari for 12 years. a man who has saved his money and invested same until he was one of our wealthiest citizens. He had threatened to quit railroading and intended to marks were noticeable and this man do so before long but the fascination is the one the trainmen think was of running an engine held to him so climbing up the coke car, but physi- strongly that he continued the work cians say that death must have been He was a careful and courageous enalmost instant because of the fact gineer and will be greatly missed by that but little water was found in his the railroad company who considered body and he is in pretty fair condi- him one of its best men. The town

will equally feel his loss because he was one of our best citizens, being a member of Royal Arch Masons and other organizations.

The Masonic lodge and a number of the engineers went to the residence about 2:30 this (Thursday) afternoon and escorted the remains of Mr. Brickley to the Presbyterian church where at 3:00 o'clock the funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev O. W. Hearn of the Christian church, assisted by the Rev. P. B. Henderlite pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Seats were reserved for the Masons and Enginemen and the big church was filled to its capacity with many standing on the outside to pay their last respects to the deceased.

After the impressive services at the church the body was taken to the Sunnyside cemetery, where the Masons took charge of it and fittingly buried the departed member in the usual

About fifty members were present and the procession was one of the longest ever seen in Tucumcari.

The family have the sympathy of of husband and father and the loss is felt by all.

Arrangements have not yet been made for the disposition of the bodies of the fireman and brakeman but it is thought their folks will notify the local trainmen in a few days to have the bodies shipped to their former homes. Both were practically new men here and little is known of them.

#### JITNEY TURNES TURTLE

The jitney owned by Harman Mc-Casland was overturned in the east bridge. The engine sank where it fell part of town near the residence of T. A. Wayne and its occupants es-Bullington was driving the machine and was taking his brother, Ed., to were accompanied by Allen Ridley and it was said the car was running at about 30 miles an hour when a sudden turn was attempted and the car turned turtle, pinning Ridley and Bill Bullington underneath. Ed Bullington had his left arm badly wrenched, but succeeded in crawling out of the wrecked car and liberating the other two men.

> Bill Bullington had a bone broken in his left leg and was other-wise bruised up. Ridley escaped any bodily injury but his white Panama suit suffered severely and the neighbors say his calls for help were clear and disthe gasoline tank would explode but other than mashing up the radiator, stearing wheel, wind-shield, top and left fenders the car is in pretty good condition, but will be out of service indefinitely.

#### AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Albert Calisch of this city received a very painful wound on the fac in an auto shake up last Sunday. The details are about as follows: The Kohn family were expecting an auto party from Tucumcari to spend the day with them, the personal of which was Messers J. W. Corn, H. Fisher and Misses Bonem and Morris, and Messrs. Charles and George Kohn, Stanley Calisch and Mrs. Calisch motored as far as Hanley to meet their guests at which place Mrs. Calisch became a passenger in Mr. Corn's car and enroute from Hanley to Montoya Mr. Corn lost control momentarily of his car and in the shake up Mrs. Calisch was thrown against the front seat, bruising her face badly and cutting an ugly wound under her eye. She bled profusely and her face was soon swollen and discolored from the bruise. She has been confined to her room this week but is rapidly recovering. None of the other occupants of the car were hurt. Mr. Corn is said to be a very careful driver but was being urged to greater speed by the "honk, honk," of Mr. Kohn's car behind him which caused him, no doubt, to exceed the "speed limit" of a rough road and culminate with the accident.-Montoya Republican.

SHERIFF SUSPENDED Judge Leib, after hearing the evidence in the case of the State of New ed with negligence, refusal and failure to perform the duties of, and "gross immorality and incompentency" in his office, temporarily suspended Mansker and appointed T. J. Crumley one of Mansker's former deputies but who was not a deputy at this time. The judgment of the court was rendered Tuesday of this week and became efto the jury in the September term of court we refrain from making any statements relative to the evidence submitted in the case.-Clayton Cit-

### NEW CONFECTIONERY

J. A. Dietzman has fitted up a firstcold drinks. This place is a dandy and we hope Mr. Dietzman will meet with the success he deserves for the

# THREATEN GERMANY

UNITED STATES WANTS PEACE BUT GERMANY MUST COME FULLY HALF WAY

tary Lansing was today perfecting the note to be sent to Germany by the will assist him in paying for the re-United States on submarine warfare, cent heavy loss incurred by the fire, The character and purpose of the communication had been agreed upon at Tuesday's cabinet meeting and all that remained today was to put it in shape for transmission to Berlin.

The note will be firm, yet friendly, in tone and will renew the efforts to secure for American citizens protection on the high seas.

Such information as was obtainable concerning the nature of the new note was chiefly of a negative character. Cabinet officers made it clear as possible and while it may cost more the entire city in this untimely loss that it would not be an ultimatum in the beginning he figures it will save or make any threats as to the future considerable in the end. purpose of the United States.

At the same time, they pointed out that it would probably have an air of time as Mr. Raymond will soon resion and negotiations and placing tracts for the buildings, etc. squarely on Germany the responsibil ity for any actions which might subsequently endanger the friendly relations of the two countries.

#### THE PRESIDENT READY TO

on the German situation in tentative gan making preparations for his departure for Washington in order to said: take up with Secretary Lansing and other members of his cabinet the next step in the American policy toward is an amazing, a demoralizing, a deubmarine warfare.

There were indications here that the president does not expect to delay long in notifying Germany of the position of the United States. Members vocate a navy equal to the two bigof his cabinet are expected to be unanimously back of his position to jingo-God forbid! I hope most proassert the rights of Americans to "the foundly there will never be another freedom of the seas" and therefore only the details of the next step re-

over in a general way at Tuesday's en with flaming swords from Para-Shinet meeting and a final decision dise, I am in favor of putting the an increase of \$544,465 over 1914, of s expected to be reached at cabinet meeting on Friday.

The president will leave here prepared to take up a number of important questions soon after reaching Washington. He will select a succes-Mr. Lansing the projected protest against interference by Great Britian States and other neutral nations. During his three weeks' visit here

in the Cornish hills, Mr. Wilson's health has improved and he has gained several pounds in weight. Members of his family will remain here after his departure and he will return later if possible.

#### BIG CASH PRIZES

Farmers, poultry and stock raisers throughout the state are urged to begin preparations to exhibit at the New Mexico State Fair this year. Specimens are better for which purposes they have been prepared and are in better condition to get into prize money if properly groomed.

The State Fair is offering much more money prizes than ever before. The horse department last year carried \$600 in prizes. This year the prize list totals \$1500. Not only has more money been added in this department, but in all of them. There will be three prizes in most of the department where there were but two last year and the classifications will be larger and more varied. This policy will be continued from year to year as the financial support of the fair increases until the New Mexico premium list will attract the best in the country.

There are to be some valuable educational features for farmers and stock growers during fair time. Mem-Mexico against R. T. Mansker, charg- and demonstrate how to grow, pack and market various products. There will be talks in the exhibit halls regarding the best crops and varieties for New Mexico and how they should be grown. There will be demonstrations of stock judging. The fair plans to have a judging ring and to have the stock judges point out the points of each animal as they are judged. fective at once. As this case will go There will be separate departments of home economics where the house wives will be shown how to lighten home appliances.

While the fair is giving a great amount of attention to these matters, it is also lining up the greatest amusement program ever seen in the an interesting event when some persouthwest. There will be bands known class confectionery and named it all over the world, demonstrations of "The Ideal." It is in the building warfare, immense fireworks displays, a good program well worth the adjust north of the News office and is horse racing, sensational free acts, equipped with the latest sanitary fix- over twenty good shows on the tures. He will sell candies, nuts, to- grounds, polo, a big wild west redeo. bacco and all kinds of ice cream and with noted outlaws ridden by the best through the finest scenery in the big riders in the west, horse shows and United States. Go over to the show many other attractions any one of which will be as large as the best at- how you may be able to get this tick- The family have our sincere symmoney he has expended. Read his ad tractions ever seen at a state fair et and have the opportunity to see

#### MACHINERY BOUGHT AND Superintendent Mowry received two

letters from Mr. Raymond, one from Buffalo and one from Boston, in which he stated that he had purchased the machinery and all other arrangements were made so that the building of the be commenced. Mr. Raymond said he had been on the jump ever since he left Tucumcari and is anxious to Washington, D. C., July 21 .- Secre- have the wheels turning so that the high prices now being paid for fibre

He sent an invoice sheet from the different factories showing the machinery burned or destroyed cost him about \$16,000 besides the immense amount of freight and charges for the installation in the building.

Bids are being received for the laydown of a solid cement floor which will contain about 15,000 square feet but Mr. Raymond is determined to make the building as near fire-proof

We hope to give the public more news concerning the factory in a short finality, curtailing the field of discus- turn to Tucumcari and make con-

#### MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

San Francisco, July 17 .-- Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, was inspired by the reception of the Liberty bell here today to SHAPE REPLY TO KAISER discuss the need of greater military Cornish, N. H., July 17.—His views preparedness to preserve to citizens of the United States that liberty of shape, President Wilson tonight be- which the bell is an historic symbol. In the course of his remarks, he

"I differ toto coeto with the proponents of 'peace at any price.' That grading doctrine.

"On the other hand, I am utterly opposed to those who advocate a large standing army, and to those who adgest navies in the world. I am not a war-particularly another to which we are a party, but knowing that humain to be finally determined upon. man nature has not changed a jot or The German situation will be gone tittle since Adam and Eve were drivcountry in such posture that if war should for any reason become necessary we may emerge from it conquer-

ors, as we have been in all our wars. "Towards the consumation of this plan I am in favor of doubling the sor to Mr. Lansing as counsellor of number of cadets at West Point and the state department, go fully into the of making it obligatory upon the sec-Mexican problem, and take up with retary of war to detail an army officer to any school, college or university which will furnish a minimum of with commerce between the United 200 students to drill. In that way and at the least possible cost we would in a few years have enough drilled men to officer a volunteer army of a million soldiers, if needs

> "In fact, there would be wisdom in a scheme by which in addition to the cadets educated free by the government at West Point and Annapolis, any boy possessing the prescribed qualifications might on reasonable terms be educated at those two great institutions. The surplus West Pointers could be used to advantage in drilling the youths of the land, while the surplus naval graduates would make splendid officers for the great merchant marine which President Wilson and some of the rest of us are determined to place on the high seas from which our flag has almost entirely disappeared.

"We should also have a well drilled and well equipped National Guard to be used for strictly national purposes on the principle enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, 'a well-disciplined militia-our best reliance in peace and for the first moments of war, till regulars may relieve them.'

"It seems that if little Switzerland can mobilize in a few days an army of half a million well drilled men by means of her system of military education and discipline-the cheapest system known among men and sufficently effective-we could by such bers of the state college will lecture application of her system as fits our case, in a year or two, be able to mobilize an army of two million of well disciplined men at a cost which to us would be a mere bagatellewhich would be a most effective insurance for this country and all her citizens and their interests."

#### FREE TICKET TO FAIRS The free ticket to the fairs in Cali-

fornia to be given away by the New Theatre is attracting considerable attention, and the fact that this ticket may be transferred or sold and the person who secures it may derive the value in cash is another feature which is making the close of the contest son, who has visited the picture show from night to night and witnessed mission price, happy to possess a ticket which will give its holder an opportunity to witness the fairs and travel tonight or any other night and see the big world's fairs.

## BUILDING WILL COMMENCE \$9,023,599 VALUATION perintendent Mowry received two INCREASE OF \$544,465

No. 43

new home for the factory will soon TAX ROLL OF QUAY COUNTY IS FORWARDED TO STATE TAX COMMISSION

> The county assessor's office has com pleted the assessment roll of Quay county and forwarded a copy of same to the State Tax Commission in Santa Fe. The roll shows a substantial increase in valuation over the assessment of 1914.

A total of 945,114 acres of patented land is shown assessed at a total ing of adobe blocks and the putting of \$2,772,526, an average of \$2.89 per acre. The improvements on this land are assessed at an additional amount of \$340,278. Compared with 1914 this is an increase of 241,000 acres. The roll of 1914 shows 702,779 acres assessed for a total value of \$2,650,273, or an average of \$3.77 per acre, with improvements assessed at an addition-

al \$338,893. The number of town lots assessed has decreased from 23,330 to 21,965 on account of 1365 having been vacated and returned to acreage property. The total value of town lots decreases from \$723,860 to \$532,710, a decrease of \$191,150. The value of improvements on town lots is \$666,-925, or practically the same as last year. The value of railroad property has increased from \$2,594,889 to \$2,-823,100, an increase of \$228,211. There are 6884 head of horses assessed at \$321,478; mules, 1227 assessed at \$80,-030; burros, 365 assessed at \$2,210; 30,399 head of cattle assessed at \$939,-465; 13251 sheep assessed at \$46,835. There are \$9,515 worth of hogs, \$28,-148 worth of wagons and buggies, \$12,902 worth of saddles and harness. \$4,755 worth of sewing machines, \$16-715 worth of farming implements, \$23,537 worth of musical instruments. Household goods not including sewing machines and musical instruments total \$86,506, or approximately \$40 for each family on the tax roll. total value is 89,401,399, from which is deducted \$377,800 in exemptions allowed to heads of families leaving a taxable value of \$9,023,599. This is

which \$228,211 is on the railroad. School district No. 1, the Tucumcari district, totals \$2,127,064 or practically the same as last year. The increase in the value of personal property in this district is about sufficient to off-set the reductions in values of real estate.

MAKES GOOD COLLECTIONS Treasurer Lee G. Pearson has about finished the collection for the 1914 tax and it is thought it will run better than 97 per cent of the whole amount. This is very near a perfect record be-

cause some of the taxes are not col-

lectable for various reasons, some being double assessments, etc. Tuesday was the first day of the sale of property and about 150 certificates were issued, most of which were to a Denver firm, who purchased 100 or more through their local agent, M. B. Keator. Of course this land may be redeemed by the owners but the farming and grazing lands were sold without delay. City property was not so salable but parties are looking up the various lots and parcels and it is

FORD SET BROKEN LEG The latest achievement of a Ford was performed by the car recently purchased by Fred White.

thought nearly every thing will soon

be sold.

Harve Sample had a horse fall on his leg and break it, so it was thought. Fred was returning from his farm and volunteered to bring Harve in to the hospital. Not being familiar with the car he got the thing started and could not slow it down, so he shot up hill and down, over bumps and ditches at a terrific speed. The occupants of the car were tossed from one side to the other, even up against the top.

When they reached town Harve's leg was a little sore but was completely back in place and the services of a doctor were unnecessary. Pretty hard treatment but it effected a cure and won another victory for the Ford. Who knows but what Ford will revolutionize surgery?

EXPRESSION RECITAL

The recital given by Miss Christine Finney, assisted by Miss Mionette Sandusky, at the Center Street Methodist church, last Friday evening, was well attended and each number was highly appreciated as was shown by the numerous encores and the hearty responses of Misses Finney and Sandusky.

Miss Finney will perhaps form a class in connection with the schools of Tucumcari and teach expression.

Last week we gave a detail account of a runaway scrape in which J. N. Logan was badly hurt. The accident occurred last Thursday morning and Mr. Logan died the next day. Mr. Logan left Montoya hale and hearty one day and the next he was dead. pathy in this their greatest hour of bereavement .- Montoya Republican.